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For the examiner's convenience, copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being provided on two compact discs filed herewith. Paper copies will be provided if requested by the examiner.

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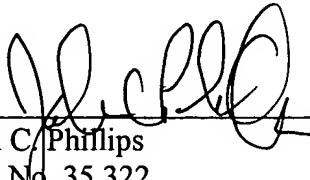
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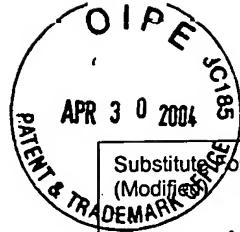
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	AD	4,270,042	5/26/1981	Case			
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	AF	4,346,442	8/24/1982	Musmanno			
	AG	4,449,186	5/15/1984	Kelly, et al.			
	AH	4,553,222	11/12/1985	Kurland, et al.			
	AI	4,674,044	6/16/1987	Kalmus et al.			
	AJ	4,677,552	6/30/1987	Sibley, Jr.			
	AK	4,734,858	03/29/1988	Schlaflly			
	AL	4,739,478	4/19/1988	Roberts et al.			
	AM	4,742,457	5/3/1988	Leon et al.			
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	AP	4,775,935	10/04/1988	Yourick			
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	AS	4,799,156	1/17/1989	Shavit et al.			
	AT	4,812,628	03/14/1989	Boston et al			
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	AV	4,864,516	09/05/1989	Gaither et al			
	AW	4,876,648	10/24/1989	Lloyd			
	AX	4,885,685	12/5/1989	Wolfberg et al.			
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	AZ	4,903,201	2/20/1990	Wagner			
	AAA	4,910,676	3/20/1990	Alldredge			

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	AEE	4,977,595	12/11/1990	Ohta et al			
	AFF	4,982,346	01/01/1991	Girouard et al			
	AGG	4,992,940	2/12/1991	Dworkin			
	AHH	5,021,953	6/4/1991	Webber et al.			
	AII	5,060,153	10/22/1991	Nakagawa			
	AJJ	5,063,507	11/5/1991	Lindsey et al.			
	AKK	5,077,607	12/31/1991	Johnson et al			
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	AMM	5,101,353	3/31/1992	Lupien et al.			
	ANN	5,136,501	8/4/1992	Silverman et al.			
	AOO	5,168,446	12/1/1992	Wiseman			
	APP	5,191,613	3/2/1993	Graziano et al.			
	AQQ	5,193,056	3/9/1993	Boes			
	ARR	5,206,803	4/27/1993	Vitagliano et al.			
	ASS	5,220,501	06/15/1993	Lawlor et al			
	ATT	5,235,680	8/10/1993	Bijnagte			
	AUU	5,237,500	8/17/1993	Perg et al.			
	AVV	5,239,462	8/24/1993	Jones et al.			
	AWW	5,243,515	9/7/1993	Lee			
	AXX	5,247,575	09/23/1993	Sprague et al			
	AYY	5,258,908	11/2/1993	Hartheimer et al.			
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	AGGG	5,305,195	04/19/1994	Murphy			
	AHHH	5,305,200	4/19/1994	Hartheimer et al.			
	AIII	5,319,542	06/07/1994	King			
	AJJJ	5,323,315	6/21/1994	Highbloom			
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	ALLL	5,329,589	7/12/1994	Fraser et al.			
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	APPP	5,341,429	08/23/1994	Stringer et al			
	AQQQ	5,345,091	09/06/1994	Craig et al			
	ARRR	5,347,306	9/13/1994	Nitta			
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	AUUU	5,351,293	09/27/1994	Michener et al			
	AVVV	5,375,055	12/20/1994	Togher, et al.			
	AWWW	5,383,113	01/17/1995	Kight et al			
	AXXX	5,394,324	2/28/1995	Clearwater			
	AYYY	5,402,336	08/02/1994	Spiegelhoff et al			
	AZZZ	5,414,833	05/09/1995	Hershey et al			
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	APPPP	5,592,375	1/7/1997	Salmon et al.			
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	ATTTT	5,625,818	04/29/1997	Zarmer et al			
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	AWWWW	5,630,125	05/13/1997	Zellweger			
	AXXXX	5,657,389	08/12/1997	Houvener			
	AYYYY	5,664,110	09/02/1997	Green et al			
	AZZZZ	5,664,111	9/2/1997	Nahan et al.			
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	ATTTTT	5,794,207	8/11/1998	Walker et al.			
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	AXXXXX	5,803,500	09/08/1998	Mossberg			
	YYYYYY	5,809,144	09/15/1998	Sirbu et al			
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